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1. The monthly food ration in the Soviet Navy, as of March 1952, was as follows:

a. Bread.....	30.	kg
b. Meal.....	2.4	kg
c. Meat.....	1.5	kg
d. Fish.....	2.4	kg
e. Lard.....	0.9	kg
f. Sugar.....	0.6	kg
g. Potatoes.....	12.	kg
h. Vegetables.....	6.	kg
i. Tea.....	0.03	kg
j. Various dried fruits.....	0.5	kg
k. Spices.....	very little	

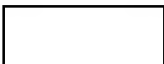
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1. Enriched flour (podbolotochnaya muka) very little
- m. Potato flour..... very little
- n. Makhorka (tobacco)..... 4 packages
- o. Soap.....
2. The crews were dissatisfied with the food. Some cooks and mess personnel were capable, while many were not. The predominance of black bread in the diet was particularly unpleasant; white bread was rare. Only pearl-barley and millet meal were available, and no butter was served, only sunflower oil. 25X1
however, that the navy mess was superior to the army mess, even though rations did not vary when at sea or in port. In the Soviet Merchant Marine, however, rations were issued only while at sea; when in port the crews had to provide for themselves.
3. For the most part, Soviet naval vessels were equipped with ice boxes. This necessitated a supply of ice directly to the ships. Naval ice boxes were capable of meeting refrigeration demands for a period of approximately two weeks before resupply was necessary. The system was most unsatisfactory, and as a result the crews were often discontented with the condition of the food. New, modern refrigerators were rare in the Soviet Navy.

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